

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2012

The Workshop Meeting of the Lehigh County Authority was called to order at 12:23 p.m., on Monday, April 9, 2012, Vice Chairman Thomas Muller presiding. Other Members present at the commencement of the meeting were: Brian Nagle, Norma Cusick, Richard Bohner, and Scott Bieber. Authority Staff present were: Aurel Arndt, Doug Young, Bradford Landon, Frank Leist, Patricia Mandes, Joseph McMahon, and Cristin Garger.

Agenda Review

Mr. Arndt stated there would be one additional item following the regular agenda regarding the General Manager's 2011 Evaluation.

WLI Physical Condition Assessment (Approval)

Ms. Mandes referred to the previously distributed memorandum and presentation. She noted that the Physical Condition Assessment (PCA) Program began in 2004, with the purpose of the Program to inspect the WLI pipe and assess the extent of the defects in order to reduce infiltration and extend the life of the pipe. The Program consists of in-pipe CCTV inspection of the pipe utilizing Pipeline Assessment Certification Program (PACP) ratings and a review of the inspection records by Malcolm Pirnie. Ms. Mandes explained in 2011, the Board approved a PCA for 23,000 Linear Feet of Albutis/Macungie Branch of the WLI. The LCA staff provided the in-pipe CCTV inspection and completed the work in February 2012, and Malcolm Pirnie is providing the assessment and follow-up. The findings report is expected within the next month.

After multiple questions about the pipeline life, Mr. Arndt explained that longevity is dependent on how well the lines are protected and the types of wastewater flows in the lines. Some discussion followed.

Ms. Mandes stated that a recommended schedule for continuation of the PCA has been developed for 2012. A Professional Services Authorization is needed for Malcolm Pirnie in the amount of \$38,000 for the assessment of four areas of the WLI. The LCA staff will provide the in-pipe CCTV inspection.

On a motion from Mr. Bohner, seconded by Ms. Cusick, the Board unanimously approved the Professional Services Authorization for Malcolm Pirnie for the 2012 Physical Condition Assessment in the amount of \$38,000 and authorized the appropriate staff to execute necessary documents in this regard (5-0).

North Whitehall Township

Ms. Cusick asked for an update on the conditional use application issues with North Whitehall Township.

Mr. Arndt stated that a Conditional Use Approval Application was submitted on April 2, 2012 and will be reviewed by the Township Planning Commission at its May meeting, and then by the Township Supervisors at their June meeting.

2011 General Manager Evaluation

Vice Chairman Muller called for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and asked that all Staff members be excused with the exception of Mr. Arndt. All Staff members left the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Mr. Arndt was excused at 1:50 p.m.

The session ended at 2:29 p.m.

There being no further business, the Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Richard H. Bohner
Secretary